6. New Delhi - Allahabad

7. New Delhi - Lucknow

8. Howrah - Delhi

9. Kolkata - Amritsar

Information on mobile phone about train positions

†1816. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to provide information to the passengers travelling in reserved coaches about position of the train *via* SMS on mobile subsequent to the trains leaving their originating station;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, by when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) to (c): There is no such proposal at present. However, Global position System (GPS) based on-board passenger information system has been tried out on select trains.

Status of tickets under waiting list through mobile phones

†1817. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways propose to inform the passengers, having their tickets under waiting list about their status on mobile after finalizing the chart;

(b) whether Railways also proposes to pass the information to passengers on mobile *via* SMS about the last minute change in their ticket category due to upgradation which causes undue hardship to the passengers at station; and

(c) if so, by when it would be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) to (c) A pilot project on "SMS alert service for e-ticket customers" has been launched. In this service, "Ticket Booking Confirmation" irrespective of the status of booking is given to e-ticket customers. This service has since become available from the 2nd week of November 2009.

Status report sought by Prime Minister

1818. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister has sought a status report from Railways within a fortnight;

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